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In response to the office action dated April 30, 2004, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ancarani Restelli in view of Bellio et al. The examiner states Ancarani Restelli discloses the basic apparatus of the present invention except for automatically shifting the bicycle transmission when operating in the automatic mode by using only bicycle speed, however, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to eliminate parameters other than bicycle speed for bicycle transmission shifting, since omission of an element and its function where not needed is

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